MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil* cum *Devicolum*): അതൊരൌഷധമായിട്ടുപയോഗിക്കുന്നു എന്നു സമ്മതിക്കുന്ന സ്ഥിതിക്കു ആ വിധത്തിൽ വേണ്ട സഹായം ചെയ്തുകൊടുക്കേണ്ട ചുമതല ഗവണ്മെൻറിനില്ലയോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): അതിനെപ്പറ്റി അന്വേഷിച്ചിട്ടില്ല.

MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): അതു അന്വേഷിക്കുന്നതിനു ഗവണ്മെൻറു സഭയും വേണ്ട വ്യവസ്ഥകൾ ചെയ്യുമോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): എക്സൈസ് കമ്മീഷണരോടു അതിനെപ്പറ്റി ആലോചിക്കാം.

Grant of free permit for the import of methylated spirit.

293. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Are the Government aware:

(*a*) that methylated spirit can never be used as an alcoholic beverage;

(*b*) that it is used for working stoves, incandescent lamps, and for the preparation of certain medicines intended only for external application:

(*c*) that at present (17th July 1929) it is included by the Excise Department under liquor, and imported only by those who hold license for the sale of foreign liquors;

(*d*) that the present price in British India and other Indian States is only 2½ to 3 annas per bottle of 24 ounces, while in Travancore the price is 12 annas;

(*e*) that only licensees of foreign liquors can sell methylated spirit; and

(*f*) that licenses are granted to owners of chemists' and druggists' stores to import medicated wines on a license fee of Rs. 25 only?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The answers are in the affirmative.

(*c*) It is included under 'liquor' but it is imported not only by those who hold licenses for the (wholesale) vend of foreign liquor but also by other persons for *bona fide* private use.

(*d*) The information is not available.

(*e*) Only licensees for the wholesale vend of the liquor can sell methylated spirit.

(*f*) The answer is in the affirmative.

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